

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Noon.—*Mika Maru* leaves for Bombay, &c.
2 p.m.—*Pha Nang* leaves for Yama.
5 p.m.—*Chingto* leaves for London, &c.

Meeting.
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.

Miscellaneous.
Goods per *Pingway* undelivered after this date subject to rent.
Dividend of 8% on Shares of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao, Steamboat Co., Ltd., payable.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, August 4.—
Goods per *Arratoon* undelivered after 4 p.m. this date landed.

FRIDAY, August 5.—
Goods per *Bergia* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, August 9.—
Final Call of \$2 on Shares of The Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., payable.
Transfer Books of The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., from this date to 23rd August, both days inclusive.

THURSDAY, August 14.—
Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at City Hall.

MONDAY, August 23.—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office, No. 14, Tessa Central.

Hongkong Tides.

The Tide Table given below has been compiled by the Nautical Almanac Office in London from the results of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1897-98.

The zero of the table is Low Water Ordinary Spring Tides, which has been found to be 2 feet below mean sea level.
To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 5 ft. 7 in., and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 12 ft. 9 in. to the height given in the table.

3rd to 9th August.			
High Water.		Low Water.	
Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.
Mon. 3	11 50	Mon. 3	5 30
Tue. 4	11 55	Tue. 4	5 25
Wed. 5	12 00	Wed. 5	5 20
Thurs. 6	12 05	Thurs. 6	5 15
Fri. 7	12 10	Fri. 7	5 10
Sat. 8	12 15	Sat. 8	5 05
Sun. 9	12 20	Sun. 9	5 00

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
HONGKONG, April 1st, 1897.

BIRTHS.

At Jinjow, N. Kinehou, Manchuria, on the 15th July, the Wife of T. L. BARNES, M.B., O.M., of a Daughter.
On the 18th July, at the 'Aloes', Penang, the Wife of ARTHUR FITZGERALD LAW, Puisne Judge of a Son.
At 1, Astor Road, Shanghai, on the 24th July, the Wife of JAMES VALENTINE, of a Son.
At Shanghai, on the 25th July, the Wife of F. X. REMONOS, of a Daughter.

The publication of this issue commenced at 1.30 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 1897.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.
(SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTERS.)

OUTWARD BOUND:—*Hardwick Hall*, July 2; *St. Giles*, *Midham Castle*, 6; *Milpore*, *Saghalien*, *Shanghai*, 8; *St. Mary*, 9; *Opok*, *Longbar*, *Quilbrach*, *Tokio*, 13; *Candia*, *Petrova*, 16; *Glenfury*, *Maria Rickmers*, 20; *Enato*, *Isim*, *Japan*, *Lao*, July 23; *Benlawer*, *Kriemhild*, *Lochay*, *St. Vincent*, *Uyeno*, 27; *Dardanel*, *Louise Bernier*, *Aladdin*, *Bengoe*, *Elizabeth Rickmers*, 30.
HOMeward BOUND:—*Telena*, 2; *Secoria*, 6; *Sunda*, 13; *Preusen*, 16; *Natal*, *Sikh*, *St. Andrews*, July 23; *Huron*, *Wally*, 28.

VESSELS PASSED ANJER.

OUTWARD:—June 12.—German 4-masted barquentine *Reze Rickmers* for Higo, from Philadelphia March 13. June 12.—German 4-masted barquentine *Robert Rickmers* for Higo, from Philadelphia Feb. 23. June 12.—Swedish barque *Midea* for Samang, from Savannah Feb. 18. June 12.—British barque *Headbank* for Hongkong, from New York Feb. 20.
HOMeward:—June 8.—American ship *Emily F. Whitney* for Delaware, Breakwater, from Hilo May 5. June 9.—American ship *Benjamin Seavall* for New York, from Shanghai March 18.

Maiz.
The O. & C. s. s. *Gaio*, with the *AMERICAN* Mail of 7th July, may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 4th August.

Steamers Expected.
The C. M. Co. s. s. *Opok*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 13th July, and may be considered due at Singapore on or about 2nd Aug.

The s. s. *Chelodya*, from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore for this port on Friday evening, July 30th, at 5 o'clock.

The K. M. Line s. s. *Maria Rickmers*, from Antwerp and Hamburg, passed the Canal on the 22nd July, and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 13th August.

Latest Advice.
The C. P. R. Co. s. s. *Empress of China* arrived at Shanghai at 3 p.m., on Saturday, 31st July, and left again at 11 p.m. for same day for Hongkong, where she is expected to arrive at noon, on Tuesday, the 3rd Aug.

The M. M. Co. s. s. *Saghalien*, with the next *FRANCE* MAIL, left Saigon today, August 2, at 2 p.m., for this port. The P. & O. Co. s. s. *Candia* left Hongkong for this port on the afternoon of the 31st July.

The P. & O. Co. s. s. *Shanghai* left Singapore for this port on the 1st August.

The P. M. s. s. *City of Peking*, with mails, from San Francisco to the 17th July, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port on the morning of the 3rd Aug., via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

The O. & C. Co. s. s. *Doria*, with mails, left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on 27th July.

A TELEGRAM has been received at Tokyo from Formosa, stating that bubonic plague having almost disappeared in Formosa, the Medical Inspection Office was closed on the 16th July.

The appointment of Sergeant E. D. Sanders to be Captain of the 'A' Machine Gun Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, vice Captain C. Murray Adamson, resigned, is gazetted.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that the Hon. A. M. Thomson has been appointed Acting Inspector of Schools and Secretary to the Board of Examiners for a period of two calendar months with effect from the 4th August.

L'Asie du Tonkin publishes a map of the interesting Chryse territory, showing the recent acquisitions of Great Britain and France, and the proposed routes of railways from Tonkin, Siam and Burma into China. One section of the map is marked: 'The portion of the Laos from which we (the French) have dislodged the English'.

A few days ago a Shanghai journal which publishes itself on the reliability of its information regarding Philippine affairs stated that the rebellion was now at an end—an assertion made telegraphically by General Polajevs some time before he sailed for Barcelona. Of course, the rebellion is not at an end, as the reports of the Manila newspapers amply prove; and we have received a Havre telegram stating that in the Samarang mountains a Spanish column has been surprised and has lost two hundred men. This does not bear out the statement of Polajevs and our Shanghai friends that 'the rebellion is at an end.'

YAKOTA AT THE DOCKS.—At Kodaon (Kodaon).
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THIRTEEN native houses collapsed at Sea-ward Road, Shanghai, on the 24th July. Only one Chinaman was seriously injured.

A TELEGRAM received in Shanghai on the 30th July by the Rev. G. W. Painter announces the death at Karuizawa, Japan, of Mrs. Lucy L. Little, daughter of the Rev. H. C. DuBois, D.D., of the Southern Presbyterian Mission.

On Saturday afternoon, at the presentation of prizes at Balliol Public School, the prize presented by Sir John Carrington to the first class for diligence, aptitude, and good conduct, was awarded to May Hunter. A prize was also presented to the second class by Mr. G. W. King, and awarded to Rosie Kennell.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that in pursuance of instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, H. E. the Governor has been pleased to recognise Herr Heinze as general representative of the Imperial German Consul at Hongkong in case of the absence or inability of the latter to perform his duties.

The proposed strengthening of Hongkong as a naval base is causing much needless inquietude to our French friends in the neighbouring Colonies. From the manner in which some of the journals are writing one would think the British Government contemplated the annexation of France's Indo-Chinese possessions. They do not seem to understand that the great change in the calibre of the warships on the China Station is the chief reason for introducing changes in the Naval Dockyard.

GENERAL ARCHINARD, who succeeds the late General de Baden in Tonkin, is a young man comparatively. He is 47 years of age, and joined the army in 1870, taking part in the fight at Bourget on the 31st December in that year. He was attached to the Marine Artillery, visited Siam on several occasions, and served as an Inspector in the Polytechnique. In 1880, he was sent to the Soudan, where he distinguished himself as a valiant warrior, and rose rapidly to the rank of general. His greatest victory was the capture of Segou, the capital of Ahmado, on the 6th April, 1890. Latterly, he has been attached to the service of the Colonial Minister.

ON Saturday evening 'La Mascotte' was produced by Pollard's Lilliputian Opera Co. at the Theatre before a crowded house. During their previous season in Hongkong 'La Mascotte' was so favourably received that it had to be given by special request, and on Saturday the children maintained their high standard of excellence. The principal parts were ably filled, and during the evening the applause was frequent, and encores were willingly responded to. To-night and to-morrow the juveniles appear in the pretty opera 'Dorothy,' which is full of bright and sparkling music, and in which Al. Goulding plays one of his most successful parts. For the production of 'The Mikado' on Wednesday and Thursday magnificent new dresses and mechanical scenery was specially manufactured for the Company in Japan, and from the accounts published in Northern papers this would seem to be one of the Company's greatest successes.

A Daily Mail telegram from Aden contains further details of the loss of the steamer *Aden*. It appears that Mesdames Gillett, Pearce, and Strain refused to leave their husbands when the only apparent chance of saving their lives was by going in the lifeboat. The missionaries, Misses Weller and Lloyd also remained behind. Subsequently, Mr. and Mrs. Strain and their two children, Misses Lloyd and Weller, Mrs. Pearce's baby and the man, and then Capt. Hill were washed overboard by the huge waves which engulfed the steamer. The vessel struck the reef at 3 a.m. on the 9th June, and at 8 p.m. the survivors retreated to one of the cabins which they momentarily expected to be their tomb. None of the survivors would talk of the terrible time they spent in this cabin. On the morning of the 10th, those who were able began the search for food, hunger until then having failed to assert itself over more acute privations. This proved a task of the greatest danger, as the big seas were still sweeping the vessel. The fourth engineer, while trying to procure water near the poop, was struck senseless and almost washed overboard before he could be dragged to a place of safety. Artificial respiration and similar expedients were resorted to, but it was five hours before he was restored to consciousness. Mr. Pearce was only saved from being washed overboard by the prompt action of his dauntless wife. The search for food resulted in their getting very little of it and this was shared out equally and in very small portions. All the time desperate men kept a sharp lookout. But no vessel was sighted until the 13th, and then the distress signal was not seen. On the 17th and again on the 20th when vessels were sighted, but the signals either were not seen or were ignored. These unhappy episodes caused painful and half-crazy scenes of rage among those who had been previously self-controlled. Each day it was necessary to eat the allowance of rations. Mrs. Gillett did the cooking, and contributed greatly to cheering up the ship's company. The weather usually moderated in the morning but always increased in violence during the afternoon. Frequently a sea thirty feet high would sweep the deck from stern to stern and carry away portions of the vessel. On June 24th, when the ship was at the bottom, the food and water were almost exhausted, and the men were in a state of despair.

THE LATE MRS. CHALMERS.
The Rev. Dr. Henry of Canton, who is officiating at Union Church, during the absence of the Rev. G. J. Williams, referred yesterday morning to the death of Mrs. Chalmers, wife of Dr. Chalmers of the London Mission, in the following terms:—

It is most proper for us, as we gather in this sacred place to-day, to remember God's goodness to us, and to realize that His loving Providence is over all His dear children. We have heard His tender voice calling one of our best-beloved to leave the things of earth, and to enter the mansions of glory. The gates of Paradise have opened to receive this elect lady, whom all who knew her loved and honoured. Her path on earth was strewn with the flowers of love, sympathy, of unselfishness, and of piety. Her throne was the throne of love, and her rule was the rule of peace. Husband, children, children's children, and friends without number, enjoyed the tender sympathy, the genial society, the wise counsel, the helpful spirit of this elect lady. The impress of her character and life has been left on many hearts. A precious gift she was from Him from whom every good and perfect gift comes down. By the wealth of her heart and mind she held all hearts, enriched by friends, enriched the Church. By her bright presence, her gentle Christ-like spirit, she ministered comfort to the sorrowing, hope to the despondent, and drew the hearts of all in loyal love and reverence to his side.

The memory of the good wife and mother, gathered as in a corner of our past, the dear memories of her life are treasured. What an inspiration and a blessing was that life to those who knew and felt its influence, and what a splendour must unfold in that life that is expanding in its native home with God. Her life was a life of love, a life of service, a life of sacrifice, whose footsteps she so closely followed, and from the many loved ones gone before and waiting to receive her. With what loving zeal she must enter into the duties and joys of that peaceful life, beseeching those she has left to follow her to the 'land of the living.'

Previous her life has been to all who felt its touch. Precious her death has been in its deliverance from all trouble and its entrance into peace. Precious are the memories and influences of those never-to-be-forgotten ones who have been called to the 'land of the living.'

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Third,—as an object of future realization.

Last night, at the Wesleyan Church, Wanchai, the Rev. W. Musson also referred to the deceased lady.

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THE *Arratoon* reports that on the 27th July, at 10.15 p.m., a Chinese deck passenger named Lee Fook, from Hach Hoy, Canton, jumped overboard. The ship was stopped at once, but the man had disappeared before any assistance could be rendered.

The Police nipped a riot in the bud by the arrest on Saturday and Sunday of a large number of chair coolies and the seizure of a quantity of lethal weapons. It appears that trouble had arisen between two clubs of chair coolies, in consequence of one of the Clubs accepting lower fares than the other, and an attack was threatened. Information was given to Inspector Kemp by one of the Clubs, and with a body of constables he entered a lodging house where about forty coolies slept about eleven o'clock on Saturday night. Nothing suspicious was discovered in the house itself, but on ascending to the roof, through the smokehole, a regular scramble took place over the roof of between thirty and forty coolies, who were in possession of bamboos and carrying poles. The Police succeeded in arresting all of the coolies but one, who was taken to throw himself from the roof if he was pursued. Detective-Sergeant Scott and Inspector Mann were also instrumental, with the assistance of Sanitary Inspector Cotton, in arresting another batch of coolies, and Sergeant Macdonald directed the arrest of a number of coolies who had secured a coolie in East Street, and badly mistreated him with iron bars and carrying poles. The injured man was removed to the Hospital. The prisoners crowded all available space at the Magistracy this morning.

NEW PIANO AND ORGAN Repairing Material and Machinery just to hand; also the latest Music. W. Robinson & Co.

THE RECORD REIGN CELEBRATIONS.
LETTERS OF THANKS BY THE GOVERNOR.
The following correspondence is published in the *Gazette*:—
GOVERNOR TO CHAIRMAN, JUBILEE COMMITTEE.

Hongkong, 14th July, 1897.
Sir,—As the representative of the Queen in this Colony, I have the honour to request you, in your capacity of Chairman, to convey to the Jubilee Committee an expression of my high appreciation of their valuable services in connection with the recent commemoration of the Sixtieth Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

The laudable manner in which the historic and memorable occasion was celebrated in this Colony reflects the greatest credit on the Committee generally and merits my grateful acknowledgments. To the Chairman, the Honorary Treasurer, and the Honorary Secretary, upon whom the greater share of responsibility and work must necessarily have fallen, my special thanks are due, and it is my intention to convey an expression of my gratitude to each of these officers individually. I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,
WILLIAM ROBINSON, Governor.

The Hon. C. P. Chater, C.M.G., Chairman, Jubilee Committee.

CHAIRMAN, JUBILEE COMMITTEE, TO GOVERNOR.
Hongkong, 20th July, 1897.
Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th inst., in which, as the representative of the Queen in this Colony, you requested me, in my capacity of Chairman, to convey to the Jubilee Committee an expression of your Excellency's high appreciation of their valuable services in connection with the recent commemoration of the Sixtieth Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

I shall have great pleasure in making known to my colleagues on the Committee, the flattering terms in which your Excellency is pleased to refer to the services of the Committee, and I shall not fail to convey to the Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary the special thanks accorded to them. I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,
C. P. CHATER.

To His Excellency Sir William Robinson, C.M.G., Governor, &c.

GOVERNOR TO HON. TREASURER, JUBILEE COMMITTEE.
Government House, Hongkong, 14th July, 1897.
Sir,—As the representative of the Queen in this Colony, I desire to convey to you my hearty acknowledgments of the valuable services rendered by you, as Honorary Treasurer of the Jubilee Committee, in connection with the recent celebrations

